



From the Chair

By *Melanie Countryman*

As the 2009 elections for the Hale Page Diamond Lake Community Association (HPDL) Board draw near, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Board members and committee members that have served with me this past year. The work of these volunteers helps to make things happen – our events, newsletter, website (just to name a few). I also want to thank Rosie Doege Dryden and Judy Cooper Lyle, the staff who keep it running smoothly.

Treasure Hunt

Once again, the Hale, Page Diamond Lake Business Association's Annual Treasure Hunt was a race of intense persistence. In its 8th year, this year's prize package topped out at \$3,095!

The HPDL Treasure Hunt is sponsored by the neighborhood's local businesses to thank the residents for their continued patronage. Business owners also hope to attract new business from residents as they come to see the posted clues and visit with business owners. Participating businesses



Zack, Shannon, Calvin and Everett

Scott Traczyk

Annual Meeting

The Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Community Association (HPDL) will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday September 21st at 7:00 pm at Pearl Park. The most important task for the evening will be to elect members to fill the open positions on the eleven-person Board of Directors. We have seven open seats this year. The Board sets policy for HPDL and oversees activities and expenditures of the organization. Directors serve a two-year term and meet once a month. Each director also serves on at least one committee.

There will also be a brief presentation to review the activities of HPDL this past year and plans for the future. This is an opportunity to meet your neighbors, learn a little more about your neighborhood, vote for board members and maybe even run for a board position yourself. See you on the 21st! If you have questions or need further information, contact the HPDL office at 612-824-7707 or office@hpdl.org.

Several elected representatives of the HPDL area will attend the meeting:

Scott Benson	They'll talk about what's been going on in their offices that impacts HPDL residents and what residents should look for next year...followed by a Q & A session.
Peter McLaughlin	
Gail Dorfman	
Jean Wagenius	

benefit through distribution of postcards and fliers to all residents in the neighborhood. The Treasure Hunt is orchestrated by resident volunteers. A small rabbit is hidden somewhere on public property within the boundaries of the HPDL neighborhood. Clues are posted daily by 9 am at select businesses.

Congratulations to the Steven family! Here is their story:

We have lived in HPDL for 9 years, and this was the third year that our family looked for the rabbit. We came close to finding it the first year, and last year we ended up in the wrong park on the last day. The third time was the charm! Part of the fun of the hunt is trying to decipher the clues and finding new places in the neighborhood. Each year we have been taken to paths we have never been on before. It has also been fun learning about new businesses in HPDL, and running into other hunters on the trail. It's amazing how clear the clues can seem, until you actually get to the site and realize they could be interpreted several ways (ex. it's not really obvious which of the trees are "across" from each other). Whoever writes the clues does a great job!

We have told friends in other neighborhoods about the HPDL hunt, and it is one

of the things that make our neighborhood unique. We really appreciate the energy that the business association puts into organizing the hunt, and the generous prizes donated by local businesses. We have already used a number of the gift certificates and are so glad to have the variety of independent businesses in our neighborhood. We make a point to shop in HPDL because these businesses care about our community. Even though we cannot win again, I am sure we will be back on the hunt next year, scratching our heads, and exploring new places. Hope to see you on the trail!

Thanks again to our business sponsors:

•Southside Chiropractic 827-0657 •Jim's Chicago Service 823-9913 •Sean Thomas, Prime Mortgage (952) 841-1742 •Fat Lorenzo's 822-2040 •Steve Waterston, Pre Home Sale Truth-In-Housing Evaluations •Artistic Ventures / Easel Street 824-0498 •Farmers Insurance, Hansen-Keller Agency 869-7760 & Crosstown Barbers 861-7484 •Mike's Advanced Auto 866-7372 •Super America•60th and Portland •William K. Wangenstein, Attorney (952) 473-0130 •Mike's Corner Store 823-4358 •IBR Realty, Melissa Garrity 747-0567 •Jim's Auto Service•60th and Portland •Desirée Brazelton, Homeopathic Practitioner, Green Leaf Homeopathy (651) 338-7683 www.greenleafhomeopathy.com •Dairy Queen•60th and Portland

VOTE
HPDL Board of Directors
 Pearl Park
 7 p.m. Monday
 September 21, 2009



HPDL Community Calendar		
Monday September 21	Annual Meeting and Board Elections	7 p.m. Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
Monday September 28	HPDL Board Meeting 7:00 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
Monday October 26	HPDL Board Meeting 7:00 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
Monday November 23	HPDL Board Meeting 7:00 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.

Picnic in the Park!!

The 18th annual Picnic in the Park was a great success, and a very special event for our community. We would like to extend a huge “thank you” to all of our sponsors—Kowalski’s, Fat Lorenzo’s, Mike’s Corner Store, and PIRC, for helping to make the event a wonderful evening of fun and community togetherness for the Hale Page Diamond Lake Neighborhood.

The weather was picture perfect—despite a few sprinkles here and there—and everyone brought their appetites! The music was loud and lively, and kept folks tapping their toes. Jo Jo, the balloon guy, was a big hit with the kids.

Neighborhood businesses, nonprofits of all kinds, and churches shared information with picnic-goers. Be sure to join us next year for the 19th Annual Picnic in the Park!!



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